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EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROFESSIONALS HONORED

Indianapolis – This evening, members of Indiana's emergency medical services received recognition for contributions to their professions and communities during an awards ceremony in Indianapolis. The ceremony, part of the 27th Annual Emergency Response Conference sponsored by the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) and American Heart Association, honored emergency medical technicians, dispatchers, fire departments, paramedics, emergency physicians, and hospitals from around Indiana.

"Tonight we honor not only the dedication and professionalism of the men and women of emergency medical services but also the invaluable service they provide to communities across Indiana," said Mike Garvey, Deputy Director of IDHS' Division of Fire and Building Safety. "They did not enter their respective professions for glory or recognition but I am certain the individuals whose lives they touch consider them heroes."

Those recognized this year include:

DISPATCHER OF THE YEAR

Kathy Shively, Whitley County EMS

Columbia City, IN

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN- BASIC OF THE YEAR

Katie Miller, Harrison County Hospital EMS

Corydon, IN

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN -BASIC ADVANCED OF THE YEAR

Marks Snodgrass, Eli Lilly & Company

Indianapolis, IN

FRANK D. GILBERT, JR. MEMORIAL PARAMEDIC OF THE YEAR

Doug McGee, Pendleton Emergency Ambulance Service Pendleton, IN

MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

Dr. Charles Miramonti, Wishard Hospital EMS

Indianapolis, IN

DAVID J. EDWARDS MEMORIAL PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR

Judith Hallam, Wishard Ambulance Service

Indianapolis, IN

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT NON-TRANSPORT PROVIDER OF THE YEAR

Washington Fire Department

Washington, IN

LARRY W. MEYERS MEMORIAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN BASIC PROVIDER AWARD

Albany EMS

Albany, IN

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN BASIC-ADVANCED PROVIDER OF THE YEAR

Southwestern EMS

Jasonville, IN

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Emergency Response Professionals Honored Add One

PARAMEDIC PROVIDER OF THE YEAR

Perry County Memorial Hospital EMS Tell City, IN

OTIS R. BOWEN HEROIC RESCUE

Ossian Fire Rescue Ossian, IN Wells County EMS Bluffton, IN

AMBULANCE PROVIDER PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARD

Harrison County Hospital EMS Corydon, IN

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE FOR CHILDREN AWARD

Troy Nicholson, Harrison County Hospital EMS Corydon, IN

GOVERNOR'S CUP AMBULANCE SERVICE PROVIDER COMPETITION WINNERS:

Paramedic

First Place Troy Nicholson & Jeremy McKim Corydon, IN

Harrison County Hospital EMS

Second Place Vito Palumbo & Grant Roberts Elkhart, IN

Elkhart Fire Department

Third Place Tony Doyle & Carl Wireman Warsaw, IN

Multi-Township EMS

Basic-Advanced Emergency Medical Technician

First Place Melissa McKim & Colin Boreham Corydon, IN

Harrison County Hospital EMS

Second Place Jeff White & Brian Miller Huntington, IN

Huntington County EMS

Third Place Bennii Shore & Jennifer Rustin Lawrence, IN

City of Lawrence Fire Department

Basic Emergency Medical Technician

First Place Joe Squier & Katie Miller Corydon, IN

Harrison County Hospital EMS

Second Place George Michels & Robert Gaskill Schererville, IN

Schererville Fire Department

Third Place Chad Haniford & Lauren Van de Voort Crawfordsville, IN

Statewide Transfer Ambulance Service

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Editor's Note: Pictures of recipients receiving their award are available upon request.

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